

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Marcus B. Jones et al.

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For: B. ANTHRACIS PREVENTION AND  
TREATMENT; MUTANT B. ANTHRACIS  
LACKING LUXS ACTIVITY AND  
FURANONE INHIBITION OF GROWTH, AI-2  
QUORUM SENSING, AND TOXIN  
PRODUCTION

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Examiner: S. N. Devi

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 20, 2007, a petition for an extension of time for three months up to and including September 20, 2007 and the required fee being filed concurrently herewith, please consider the accompanying remarks.

**Amendment to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.